

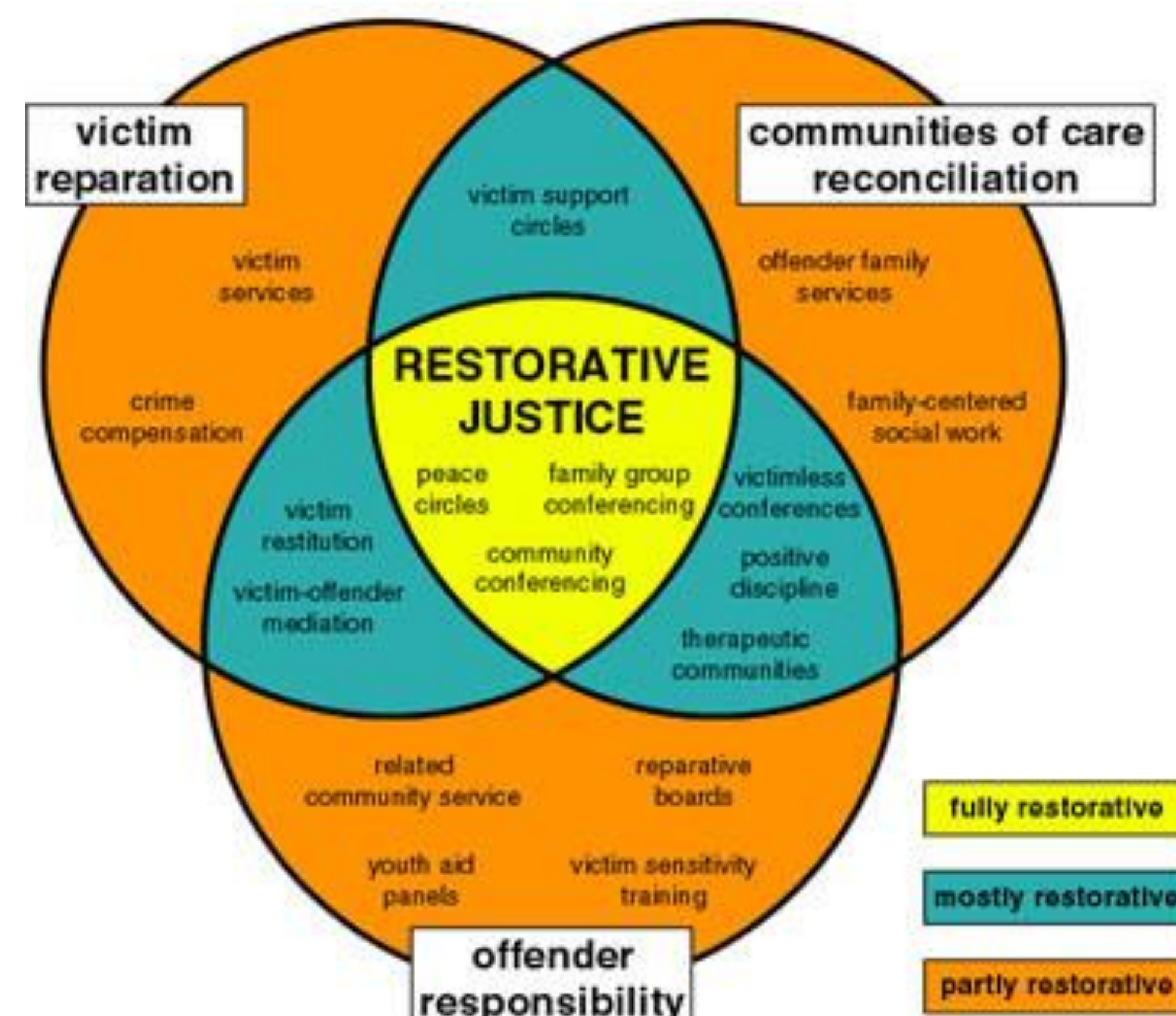
# Restorative Justice: The Alternative Outlet for Criminal Behavior

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## What is It?

Restorative justice is an approach to justice that focuses on the needs of the victims and the offender as well as the involved community, instead of satisfying abstract legal principles or punishing the offender.



## When did this all start?

Restorative Justice has been around for thousands of years and was officially considered a form of justice in 1958. It was defined by Albert Eglash when he described three types of justice, retributive, distributive, and restorative. Retributive justice is based on punishment, distributive justice involves therapeutic treatment of offenders and restorative justice is based on restitution with input from victims and offenders.



## What Did We Do?

In collaboration with Belmont HS, we were paired up with a student struggling to make consistent good choices. Our time spent with our mentee included hearing out the rationale behind their decisions, the consequences resulting, and how he/she planned to act in the future.

## Why is this Important?

Restorative Justice is important because it allows for constructive options for both the victims and the offenders. In prisons, it is used to help with reintegration into society. Restorative Justice creates the opportunity for growth, redemption, and personal retribution.

